

Financial Mathematics 33000

Lecture 6

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Fundamental theorem in continuous time

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Fundamental theorem in continuous time

Existence of equivalent martingale measure $\mathbb{P} \Rightarrow$ No arb

Proof:

- ▶ Given: under \mathbb{P} , each member of the discounted asset prices

$$\frac{1}{B_t} \mathbf{X}_t = \left(\frac{X_t^1}{B_t}, \frac{X_t^2}{B_t}, \dots, \frac{X_t^N}{B_t} \right)$$

is a martingale Itô process. Need to prove: No arbitrage

- ▶ For any self-financing trading strategy Θ_t with value V_t , we'll show that V/B is a martingale, where $V_t := \Theta_t \cdot \mathbf{X}_t$.

After we show this, we're done, by the familiar argument:

If $V_0 = 0$, then $V_0/B_0 = 0$, hence $\mathbb{E}(V_T/B_T) = 0$.

If also $V_T \geq 0$, then $V_T/B_T \geq 0$, so $V_T/B_T = 0$, hence $V_T = 0$

Conclusion: Θ is not an arbitrage.

Fundamental theorem

- To see that V/B is a martingale, let $A_t := 1/B_t$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(V_t/B_t) &= d(A_t V_t) = V_t dA_t + A_t dV_t + dA_t dV_t \\
 &= \Theta_t \cdot \mathbf{X}_t dA_t + A_t (\Theta \cdot d\mathbf{X}_t) + (dA_t)(\Theta_t \cdot d\mathbf{X}_t) \\
 &= \Theta_t \cdot (\mathbf{X}_t dA_t + A_t d\mathbf{X}_t + dA_t d\mathbf{X}_t) \\
 &= \Theta_t \cdot d(A_t \mathbf{X}_t) = \sum_{n=1}^N \theta_t^n d(A_t X_t^n)
 \end{aligned}$$

Since each $A_t X_t^n$ is a martingale, V/B is a martingale also.

- Idea: A martingale is the cumulative PnL from betting on zero- \mathbb{E} games. Varying your bet size across games and across time still produces, collectively, a zero-expectation game. Can't risklessly make something from nothing by playing zero-expectation games.

Fundamental theorem

No arb \Rightarrow Existence of equivalent martingale measure \mathbb{P}

Intuition of proof: Same as in L2, L3.

- ▶ Define \mathbb{P} by defining the \mathbb{P}_t -probability of an event to be the time- t **price**, in units of B , of a binary (“Arrow-Debreu”) asset that pays 1 unit of B at time T if the event occurs, else 0. (But what if the binary asset does not exist and can’t be replicated?)
- ▶ Martingale property holds because any asset X can be replicated by portfolio of $X_T(\omega_j)/B_T(\omega_j)$ units of the binary asset for each ω_j . Value portfolio by summing **quantity** \times **price**.

$$\frac{X_0}{B_0} = \sum_{j=1}^J \frac{X_T(\omega_j)}{B_T(\omega_j)} \cdot \mathbb{P}(\omega_j) = \mathbb{E}\left(\frac{X_T}{B_T}\right)$$

Fundamental theorem: Comments

- ▶ Idea: The \mathbb{P} probability of an event is simply the *price* (in units of B) of a asset that pays 1 unit of B if that event occurs, else 0.
- ▶ Note: In this entire proof, we never assumed that B is the bank account, and never assumed that it is riskless. It is enough to assume that B is some asset with positive price process.

In some applications, it may be easier to normalize using some such asset (some *numeraire*) that is *not* the bank account.

By default, if we say risk-neutral or martingale measure without specifying the numeraire, it is understood to be the bank account.

Option pricing

In L5, we did this by *replication*.

In L6, let's do it by martingale methods: Option price equals the *expected discounted payoff*, under a martingale measure \mathbb{P} . Why?

- ▶ By the Fundamental theorem.

How do we calculate \mathbb{P} -expectations (denoted by \mathbb{E})?

- ▶ In many cases, a model is already specified under risk-neutral measure. Then simply work directly under the given measure.

But what if the model is specified under physical measure?

- ▶ We know how S behaves with respect to physical measure \mathbb{P} .

How does S behave wrt \mathbb{P} ? All risk driven by W . So let's see what changing measure does to W , then find what it does to S .

Girsanov's theorem

Theorem: If W is a Brownian motion under \mathbb{P} ,
and if \mathbb{P} is a probability measure on \mathcal{F}_T^W that is equivalent to \mathbb{P} ,
then there exists an adapted process λ such that for all $t \in [0, T]$,

$$\tilde{W}_t := W_t + \int_0^t \lambda_s ds$$

is Brownian motion under \mathbb{P} . Therefore:

- ▶ $d\tilde{W}_t = dW_t + \lambda_t dt$, and \tilde{W} is BM under \mathbb{P} but not under \mathbb{P}
- ▶ $dW_t = d\tilde{W}_t - \lambda_t dt$, and W is BM under \mathbb{P} but not under \mathbb{P}

Girsanov: an analogy

No proof, but here is an *analogy* on a sample space $\Omega = \{\omega_1, \dots, \omega_6\}$.

Let $X(\omega_1) = X(\omega_2) = X(\omega_3) = 25$, $X(\omega_4) = X(\omega_5) = X(\omega_6) = 10$.

- ▶ Let $P(\omega) = 1/6$ for each ω . Then $X \sim \text{Uniform}\{10, 25\}$ under P .
- ▶ But if \mathbb{P} assigns probability
 $1/12$ to each of $\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3$,
 and $1/4$ to each of $\omega_4, \omega_5, \omega_6$,
 then X is *not* $\text{Uniform}\{10, 25\}$ under \mathbb{P} .
- ▶ However, $\tilde{X} := X + \lambda$ is $\text{Uniform}\{10, 25\}$ under \mathbb{P} ,
 where $\lambda(\omega_4) := 15$ and $\lambda(\omega) := 0$ for $\omega \neq \omega_4$.

X under \mathbb{P} does not have the same distribution as X under P .

But X *plus drift* under \mathbb{P} has the same distribution as X under P .

Girsanov: some intuition

No proof, but here is some *intuition*:

- ▶ W is BM under \mathbb{P} . After changing measure to \mathbb{P} , the W may not still be BM, but it is plausible that it is a martingale plus drift:

$$dW_t = \lambda_t dt + \sigma_t dB_t$$

where B is a BM under \mathbb{P} , and σ_t is some adapted process. So

$$(dW_t)^2 = (\lambda_t dt + \sigma_t dB_t)^2$$

hence $dt = \sigma_t^2 dt$, so $\sigma_t = \pm 1$. Define \tilde{W} by $d\tilde{W}_t = \sigma_t dB_t$.

- ▶ Then W can be shown to be \mathbb{P} -BM. And, as claimed,

$$dW_t = \lambda_t dt + d\tilde{W}_t.$$

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Black-Scholes via martingale approach

Black-Scholes dynamics

$$dB_t = rB_t dt \qquad B_0 = 1$$

$$dS_t = \mu S_t dt + \sigma S_t dW_t \qquad S_0 > 0$$

where W is BM under physical measure \mathbb{P} , and $\sigma > 0$.

No arb implies that $\exists \mathbb{P}$, equivalent to \mathbb{P} , such that S/B is a \mathbb{P} -MG.

Hence by Girsanov, $\exists \lambda$ such that $\tilde{W}_t := W_t + \int_0^t \lambda_s ds$ is \mathbb{P} -BM.

Substitute $d\tilde{W}_t = dW_t + \lambda_t dt$ into the SDE of S :

$$\begin{aligned} dS_t &= \mu S_t dt + \sigma S_t (d\tilde{W}_t - \lambda_t dt) \\ &= (\mu - \lambda_t \sigma) S_t dt + \sigma S_t d\tilde{W}_t \end{aligned}$$

But can we say anything about $\mu - \lambda_t \sigma$?

Under \mathbb{P} , every tradeable asset X has drift rX

This page does not assume that X is a GBM.

Assume only that X is an Itô process.

- ▶ Under \mathbb{P} , the discounted price X/B is a MG, hence has zero drift.
- ▶ By Itô's rule, X/B has dynamics

$$\begin{aligned} d(X_t/B_t) &= d(e^{-rt}X_t) = e^{-rt}dX_t - re^{-rt}X_tdt + d(e^{-rt})dX_t \\ &= e^{-rt}(dX_t - rX_tdt), \end{aligned}$$

so $dX_t - rX_tdt$ has no drift term.

- ▶ Therefore the drift term of dX_t must be rX_tdt .

Under \mathbb{P} , the GBM S is still GBM, but with drift r

- ▶ Applying this to S , we have $(\mu - \lambda_t \sigma)S_t = rS_t$. So, for \mathbb{P} -BM \tilde{W} ,

$$dS_t = rS_t dt + \sigma S_t d\tilde{W}_t$$

Rate of growth changes from μ to r . Volatility stays the same.

Often, option model specifications start here, bypassing physical measure, to work directly under risk-neutral measure with drift r .

- ▶ By L4, therefore, under \mathbb{P} , conditional on \mathcal{F}_t^W

$$\log S_T \sim \text{Normal}(\log S_t + (r - \sigma^2/2)(T - t), \sigma^2(T - t))$$

Compare: under \mathbb{P} , conditional on \mathcal{F}_t^W ,

$$\log S_T \sim \text{Normal}(\log S_t + (\mu - \sigma^2/2)(T - t), \sigma^2(T - t))$$

Lognormal distribution

Here's a more general calculation, allowing different rates for growth and discounting, on an underlying X , not necessarily a stock price.

- ▶ Let $t < T$. Let R_{grow} and r be constants.
- ▶ Assume that (conditional on the time- t information \mathcal{F}_t) the random variable X_T has lognormal \mathbb{P} -distribution

$$\log X_T \sim \text{Normal}(\log X_t + (R_{grow} - \sigma^2/2)(T - t), \sigma^2(T - t))$$

where $X_t > 0$, and $\sigma > 0$ is a constant.

- ▶ One way that this distribution could arise is from the dynamics

$$dX_t = R_{grow}X_t dt + \sigma X_t dW_t \quad X_0 > 0$$

where W is \mathbb{P} -BM.

Conclusion: the Black-Scholes call price formula

Then, letting \mathbb{E} denote expectation wrt \mathbb{P} ,

$$e^{-r(T-t)}\mathbb{E}_t(X_T - K)^+ = C^{BS}(X_t, t, K, T, R_{grow}, r, \sigma)$$

where the function C^{BS} is defined for $X > 0, K > 0, \sigma > 0, t < T$ by

$$C^{BS}(X, t, K, T, R_{grow}, r, \sigma) := e^{-r(T-t)}[FN(d_1) - KN(d_2)],$$

and

$$F := Xe^{R_{grow}(T-t)} = \mathbb{E}_t X_T$$

and

$$d_{1,2} := d_{+,-} := \frac{\log(F/K)}{\sigma\sqrt{T-t}} \pm \frac{\sigma\sqrt{T-t}}{2}.$$

Proof of formula: preliminaries

For any normal random variable Y with mean m and variance v ,

$$\mathbb{E}\mathbf{1}_{Y>k} = \mathbb{P}(Y > k) = \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{Y-m}{\sqrt{v}} > \frac{k-m}{\sqrt{v}}\right) = N\left(\frac{m-k}{\sqrt{v}}\right)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}(e^Y \mathbf{1}_{Y>k}) &= e^m \mathbb{E}(e^{Y-m} \mathbf{1}_{Y-m>k-m}) = e^m \int_{k-m}^{\infty} e^y \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi v}} e^{-y^2/(2v)} dy \\ &= \frac{e^{m+v/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi v}} \int_{k-m}^{\infty} e^{-(y^2-2vy+v^2)/(2v)} dy \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{we want to calculate the integral} \\ \text{only if it's bigger than } k-m \end{array} \\ &= \frac{e^{m+v/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{\frac{k-m-v}{\sqrt{v}}}^{\infty} e^{-z^2/2} dz \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{where } z := \frac{y-v}{\sqrt{v}} \\ y = k-m, \text{ plug this to } z \text{ to make it } k-m-v/\sqrt{v} \end{array} \\ &= e^{m+v/2} N\left(\frac{m-k}{\sqrt{v}} + \sqrt{v}\right) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{and, in } k = -\infty \text{ case, } \mathbb{E}e^Y = e^{m+v/2} \\ \text{take the negative of the lower bound} \end{array}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } \mathbb{E}(e^Y \mathbf{1}_{Y>k}) = N\left(\frac{m-k}{\sqrt{v}} + \sqrt{v}\right) \mathbb{E}e^Y.$$

Proof of formula: decompose $(X_T - K)^+$

Proof: Using the fact that $x^+ = x\mathbf{1}_{x>0}$ for all x ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbb{E}_t(X_T - K)^+ &= \mathbb{E}_t(X_T - K)\mathbf{1}_{X_T > K} = \mathbb{E}_t(X_T\mathbf{1}_{X_T > K}) - K\mathbb{E}_t\mathbf{1}_{X_T > K} \\
 &= \mathbb{E}_t(e^{Y_T}\mathbf{1}_{Y_T > \log K}) - K\mathbb{E}_t\mathbf{1}_{Y_T > \log K} \\
 (\text{By L6.17}) &= (\mathbb{E}_t e^{Y_T})N\left(\frac{m-k}{\sqrt{v}} + \sqrt{v}\right) - KN\left(\frac{m-k}{\sqrt{v}}\right) \\
 &= F_t N(d_1) - KN(d_2)
 \end{aligned}$$

where $k := \log K$ and $Y_T := \log X_T \sim \text{Normal}(m, v)$ conditional on \mathcal{F}_t ,
 where $m = \log X_t - (\sigma^2/2)(T-t)$ and $v = \sigma^2(T-t)$, and

$$F_t := X_t e^{R_{\text{row}}(T-t)} = \mathbb{E}_t X_T.$$

Conclude by multiplying by discount factor.

Probabilistic interpretation of $N(d_1)$ and $N(d_2)$

Call option payout = Asset or nothing call payout - Binary call payout

In summary,

$$\begin{aligned} C_t &= e^{-r(T-t)} \left(\mathbb{E}_t[S_T \mathbf{1}_{S_T > K}] - \mathbb{E}_t[K \mathbf{1}_{S_T > K}] \right) \\ &= e^{-r(T-t)} \left(F_t \mathbb{E}_t \left[\frac{S_T}{F_t} \mathbf{1}_{S_T > K} \right] - K \mathbb{P}_t(S_T > K) \right) \\ &= e^{-r(T-t)} \left(F_t N(d_1) - K N(d_2) \right) \end{aligned}$$

The $N(d_2)$ is the \mathbb{P}_t that the call option expires in the money.

(So $e^{-r(T-t)} N(d_2)$ = time- t price of K -strike T -expiry binary call.)

The $N(d_1)$ is the “share measure” \mathbb{P}_t^S that the call expires ITM.

And time- t price of asset-or-nothing call paying $X_T \mathbf{1}_{X_T > K}$ is

$e^{-r(T-t)} F_t N(d_1)$. If $X = S$ is a no-dividend stock, this is $S_t N(d_1)$

Probabilistic analysis of effect of r

Increasing r , while keeping everything else fixed, has what effect on time-0 call prices?

- Martingale methods make the answer clear:

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_0 &= e^{-rT} \mathbb{E} C_T \\
 &= e^{-rT} \mathbb{E} (S_T - K)^+ \\
 &= e^{-rT} \mathbb{E} (S_0 e^{(r-\sigma^2/2)T + \sigma \tilde{W}_T} - K)^+ \\
 &= \mathbb{E} (S_0 e^{(-\sigma^2/2)T + \sigma \tilde{W}_T} - K e^{-rT})^+
 \end{aligned}$$

so the call option will increase

(C_0 will increase)

because we have $-K e^{-rT}$, the amount we subtract will be smaller

denominator gets bigger

but this is assuming that S_0 stays fixed

In reality, if r increase, S will also decrease (stock markets go down),
so both terms go down, and the call option price goes down in aggregate

Probabilistic intuition about impact of σ

The *vega*, at time- t , of an asset or portfolio with value $C_t = C(S_t, t; \sigma)$ is $\frac{\partial C}{\partial \sigma}(S_t, t; \sigma)$. For a call or put in the B-S model,

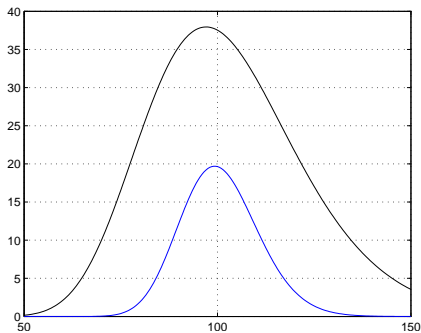
$$\text{vega} := \frac{\partial C^{BS}}{\partial \sigma} = S\sqrt{T-t}N'(d_1) > 0$$

Why positive? Let's take $r = 0$.

- ▶ For a linear payout $a + bS_T$, the time-0 value is $a + bS_0$ regardless of σ . So vega for a linear payout is zero.
- ▶ For a **convex** payout $f(S_T)$, such as a call, the payout dominates the linear tangent to f at S_0 . So the **higher volatility, higher value of the option contract's time-0 value is bigger than $f(S_0)$** . By how much? Depends on σ . The larger the σ , the larger the **convex** contract's time-0 value, because the larger the chance that S goes to where $f > \text{linear}$. Large $\sigma \Rightarrow$ more **convexity** is reachable.

Vega of a call

Vega of a call, plotted against S_t , for $T - t = 1$, and $T - t = 0.25$.



Under B-S dynamics, vega of a call is positive.

A call and a put option with the same strike price and expiry date, has the same vega
due to put-call parity that doesn't depend on vol

Probabilistic analysis of joint effect of σ and T

Halving σ and quadrupling T , while keeping everything else fixed, has what effect on time-0 call prices?

Appendix

On an interval I a function $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to be *convex* if its graph lies on or below all of its chords: for all $x, y \in I$, all $\alpha \in [0, 1]$,

$$f(\alpha x + (1 - \alpha)y) \leq \alpha f(x) + (1 - \alpha)f(y)$$

Properties:

- ▶ A twice differentiable function f is convex iff $f'' \geq 0$ everywhere.
- ▶ A convex function's graph lies on or above all of its tangents.



Jensen's inequality:

If f is convex on I and X is an integrable random variable taking values in I then $\mathbb{E}f(X) \geq f(\mathbb{E}X)$.

Johan Jensen (1859-1925)

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Replication and Expectation paths to solutions

Underlying dynamics (example: GBM in the B-S case)

Contract (example: call or put)

Replication

risk-neutral pricing/fundamental theorem/martingale method

Or risk-neutral pricing

PDE with terminal condition

$\mathbb{E}(\text{contract's discounted payout})$

Solve PDE

Compute E

Pricing formula

Differentiate: dC/dS

How many shares to hold in replicating portfolio at time 0

PDE can come from probabilistic approach too

Recall: under \mathbb{P} , “every tradeable asset’s proportional drift rate is r ”.

- Apply this to S (assuming GBM $dS_t = \mu S_t dt + \sigma S_t dW_t$) to get

$$dS_t = rS_t dt + \sigma S_t d\tilde{W}_t$$

where $dB_t = rB_t dt$, and \tilde{W} is a \mathbb{P} -BM with $d\tilde{W}_t = dW_t + \lambda_t dt$.

The drift changes (to rS_t), but the *volatility does not*.

- Apply this to the option price C , assuming $C_t = C(S_t, t)$. By Itô

$$dC_t = \frac{\partial C}{\partial t} dt + \frac{\partial C}{\partial S} dS + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial S^2} (dS)^2.$$

Equate the drift of C to rC :

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} + rS \frac{\partial C}{\partial S} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 S^2 \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial S^2} = rC$$

This is the B-S PDE. Terminal condition: $C(S, T) = (S - K)^+$

Same formula, multiple interpretations

Black-Scholes $N(d_2)$ at time t , where $d_2 = \frac{\log(S_t e^{r(T-t)}/K)}{\sigma\sqrt{T-t}} - \frac{\sigma\sqrt{T-t}}{2}$:

- ▶ $N(d_2)$ is the risk-neutral probability of $S_T > K$.
- ▶ $e^{-r(T-t)}N(d_2)$ is the value of a binary call that pays $\mathbf{1}_{S_T > K}$
- ▶ $e^{-r(T-t)}N(d_2)$ is $-\partial C/\partial K$, where C is vanilla call value.
- ▶ $-Ke^{-r(T-t)}N(d_2)$ is value of vanilla-call replicator's B holdings.

Black-Scholes $N(d_1)$ at time t , where $d_1 = \frac{\log(S_t e^{r(T-t)}/K)}{\sigma\sqrt{T-t}} + \frac{\sigma\sqrt{T-t}}{2}$:

- ▶ $N(d_1)$ is the *share-measure* probability of $S_T > K$. It's the time- t price, in shares, of an asset that pays 1 share if $S_T > K$.
- ▶ $S_t N(d_1)$ is value of an asset-or-nothing call that pays $S_T \mathbf{1}_{S_T > K}$
- ▶ $N(d_1)$ is $\partial C/\partial S$, the delta of a vanilla call.
- ▶ $S_t N(d_1)$ is value of vanilla-call replicator's share holdings.

General payoffs $f(S_T)$: Price by PDE or Expectation

To find time- t price:

- ▶ PDE approach: To price instead an option paying $f(S_T)$, use the PDE that comes from the dynamics, changing only the terminal condition to $C(S, T) = f(S)$.
- ▶ Expectations approach: Calculate

$$e^{-r(T-t)} \int_0^\infty f(s)p(s)ds$$

where p is the time- t conditional probability density of S_T . Or,

$$e^{-r(T-t)} \int_{-\infty}^\infty f(e^x)p_L(x)dx$$

where p_L is the time- t conditional probability density of $\log S_T$.

General payoffs $f(S_T)$: Replication

- ▶ The replication argument showed: if $C(S, t)$ is a function that satisfies the B-S PDE with terminal condition $C(S, T) = f(S)$, then a portfolio of $\frac{\partial C}{\partial S}$ shares and $(C - \frac{\partial C}{\partial S} S_t)/B_t$ units of B replicates a $f(S_T)$ payoff, and self-finances.
- ▶ So to hedge a contract on $f(S_T)$, can use PDE *or* risk-neutral \mathbb{E} , to find the option pricing function C which satisfies B-S PDE. We can then calculate $\partial C / \partial S$ to find the delta hedge.

Example: binary put

Example: time- t price of K -strike T -expiry binary put in L6.27 model.

Solution 1a: Let $k = \log K$.

$$e^{-r(T-t)} \int_{-\infty}^k 1 \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma\sqrt{T-t}} e^{-\frac{(x - \log S_t - (r - \sigma^2/2)(T-t))^2}{2\sigma^2(T-t)}} dx = e^{-r(T-t)} N(-d_2)$$

because $y := \frac{x - \log S_t - (r - \sigma^2/2)(T-t)}{\sigma\sqrt{T-t}}$ simplifies \int to $\int_{-\infty}^{-d_2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-y^2/2} dy$.

Solution 1b: Let $m = \log S_t - (\sigma^2/2)(T-t)$ and $v = \sigma^2(T-t)$

$$e^{-r(T-t)} \mathbb{P}_t(S_T < K) = e^{-r(T-t)} \mathbb{P}_t\left(\frac{X_T - m}{\sqrt{v}} < \frac{k - m}{\sqrt{v}}\right) = e^{-r(T-t)} N(-d_2)$$

Solution 2: Can verify that $C(S, t) = e^{-r(T-t)} N(-d_2)$ solves PDE in L6.27 with terminal condition $C(S, T) = \mathbf{1}_{S < K}$.

In any case, replicating portfolio has $\frac{\partial C}{\partial S} = -e^{-r(T-t)} \frac{N'(d_2)}{S_t \sigma \sqrt{T-t}}$ shares.